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1850 - 1950



112 EAST VINE STREET
MOUNT VERNON, OHIO



O. W. WILLIAMS, *Minister*

PIONEER DAYS

Mount Vernon at the middle of the last century was just passing from a struggling frontier town to the status of a city. It had a population of approximately three thousand and already had eight churches, two Presbyterian, two Methodist, one Baptist, one Lutheran, one Episcopal and one Catholic. It had three newspapers, a number of stores and two mills. It was entering upon a period of development and progress which was to be halted a few years later by the War of the Rebellion.

The early settlers of Knox County came from all sections of New England and Virginia and of course were of many nationalities. Each group was trying to maintain the religion and customs of their Eastern homes, hence the great number of churches.

All over the new country a process of assimilation and merging of ideas and beliefs was under way. This change was the cause of a great period of social and religious reform at this time. The rumbling of the slavery question was becoming audible and reformers were traveling the dusty roads and trails on foot and on horseback, preaching new doctrines and new versions of old ones and everywhere they found large and sympathetic audiences. It was in this atmosphere and under these conditions that the Vine Street Church of Christ was brought into existence.

In 1828, Alexander Campbell and his co-workers were zealously laboring in Ohio and adjoining states attempting to simplify the various creeds and dogmas used by all the Protestant churches and to bring them together on the simple plan as outlined in the New Testament by the Disciples. At first there was little thought of a new denomination but because of the impossibility of changing present organizations, there gradually grew out of this movement the Disciple or Christian Church.

During the winter of 1849-50 Elder Jonas Hartzell delivered a number of discourses on the "Elementary Principles of the Gospel", in Mount Vernon. The first of these was delivered in the Court House, the second in the Baptist Church and afterward the Methodist Protestant Church was secured for an indefinite period.

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On Friday evening, January 25, 1850, Elder J. H. Jones, an evangelist from the Disciple congregation of Wooster, Ohio began a series of discussions on the "Elements of the Kingdom", continuing until January 31, 1850. During these talks from day to day, the question of church organization was freely discussed and at the close of the meeting on January 31, 1850, the church was duly organized and Brother Robert R. Sloan was ordained Elder and Samuel B. Doty, Deacon, by the prayers of the Brethren and the laying on of the hands of Elder Jones, the evangelist.

Immediately afterwards, the right hand of fellowship was extended by Brother J. H. Jones to the following founders and charter members then present:

Robert R. Sloan
Samuel Rinehart
Mrs. Samuel Rinehart
Samuel B. Doty
Mrs. Samuel B. Doty

Eli Miller
John Boyd
William Babcock
Harriet T. Holmes
Melinda Richmond

The congregation met for the first time as such, on the following Sunday, February 3, 1850 to commemorate the Lord's Supper.

Because of the part which he played in the organization and the early years of our Mount Vernon church, the name of Robert R. Sloan must not be passed without paying full respect to his work.

Robert R. Sloan was born in Pennsylvania and because of the death of his parents, he was brought up in the family of his uncle, Joseph Matthews, who was a pioneer minister among the Disciples of Christ. Mr. Sloan attended a school in Pennsylvania taught by John McElroy, who afterwards came to Jelloway, Ohio. He also attended a school taught by Mrs. McKeever, a sister of Alexander Campbell, and in 1841 was graduated from Jefferson College at Monongahela, Pa. It is probable that he came to Mount Vernon through the influence of John McElroy and other Knox County settlers who came from Washington County, Pa. We find him in 1844 President of the Mount Vernon Ladies' Seminary which position he occupied until 1866. This Seminary was located in the building now occupied as a residence by Miss Nell Critchfield at 116 East High Street. The dormitory was located where the present

Knox County Memorial Building stands at 112 East High Street, and the two buildings were connected by an overhead enclosed passageway.

The striking characteristic of Robert R. Sloan was his loyalty to the teachings of the Disciples of Christ. He believed in the union of the people of God, and that the only permanent way to bring it about was to restore the church of the New Testament. He took membership with the Church of Christ at Jelloway, Ohio, until the organization of the church at Mount Vernon in 1850.

Robert R. Sloan never called himself a preacher, yet in connection with his Seminary work, he also served for ten years as pastor of the church from its organization until January 15, 1860, at which time the membership numbered fifty-three. He continued to reside in the city and to serve as Elder in the church until August 1866 when he moved to Cleveland, Ohio, to take up his work as Secretary of the Ohio Christian Missionary Society. To his untiring effort and blameless life alone, rests the responsibility of the organization and the early development of the Vine Street Church of Christ. He died in Cleveland in 1877.

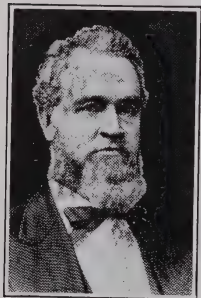
Realizing that the stability and growth of the new organization was dependent upon having a permanent church home, the members had frequent and earnest discussion on the subject and on the evening of March 5, 1851 they met to take action. At this meeting which was held in the M. P. Church of Mount Vernon, a resolution was unanimously adopted authorizing Robert R. Sloan to purchase and hold for the benefit of the congregation a certain lot owned by Robert Irvine.

The lot was priced at \$300.00 and it had a frontage of sixty feet on the south side of East Vine Street with a depth of ninety-two feet and is a portion of the plot of ground on which the present church building stands.



Old Church

As soon as the purchase of the lot was completed, plans were worked out for a building which was begun early in 1852 and dedicated on March 13, 1853 by Isaac Errett, Editor of our Disciple publication, *The Christian Standard*. Isaac Errett was a brother of Henry Errett, Deacon and second Sunday School Superintendent of the church. The church building and lot cost \$3,963.31, all of which was paid by January 1, 1856 when the membership had grown to sixty-two. Of the total cost, the members of the church raised \$885.75, the citizens of Mount Vernon and Knox County \$1219.71 and the churches throughout the state which were solicited by Brother Robert R. Sloan, a net amount of \$1857.85. To raise this amount, Brother Sloan spent approximately 181 days and traveled over 5000 miles.



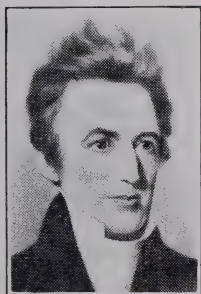
Isaac Errett

On the fifteenth day of January 1853 a majority of the members of the church met at the schoolhouse of Robert R. Sloan for the

purpose of incorporation. The meeting organized by electing Eli Miller, Chairman and Samuel B. Doty, Clerk. Samuel Rinehart, Eli Miller and John Boyd, all being members of the church were duly elected Trustees and Robert R. Sloan, Clerk. This organization was in accordance with the Act of May 1852 which provided for the incorporation of religious societies, and is duly recorded under date of January 15, 1853 in the Corporation Book in the Recorder's Office, Knox County, Ohio; E. Harrod, Recorder.

After the dedication of the new church, the Ohio Christian Missionary Society was invited to hold its second Annual Convention at Mount Vernon. This convention started on Wednesday morning, May 25, 1853 and was attended by members of the church from various parts of the state. Alexander Campbell was to have

been here for the beginning of this convention but was hindered by delay of trains. He arrived, however, after the convention was well under way and delivered the last address of the meeting on Friday evening, May 27, on the "Superiority of Christ over Every Other Name."



Alexander
Campbell

Mr. Campbell remained over the following Lord's Day and delivered the sermon at the morning service. In the afternoon he spoke to an immense audience at the Cooper Plant. A. S. Hayden, D. S. Burnett and Walter Scott, some of the other great leaders of our church movement at that time were also present and gave addresses at this convention.

The Ohio Christian Missionary Society held other conventions at our church in 1856, 1861, 1868, 1878, 1916 and 1934. At the convention in 1878 Prof. B. A. Hinsdale of Hiram College delivered a memorial address in honor of Robert R. Sloan, who for the two years preceding had been President of the convention. Mr. Sloan's name is a blessed memory to this church and community, where he lived for twenty-two years. He was an Elder of the church from its beginning to the time he left the city in 1866, sixteen years in all.

About seven years after the building was completed, the congregation decided they should have a bell for the tower of the building to announce the hour of their services. Therefore, in 1860,

a seven hundred pound bell was purchased from the Meneely Bell Company of Troy, New York. This same bell was afterward mounted in the tower of the new church building, which was erected in 1915-16, and has been in continuous service ever since, a total of approximately ninety years, tolling out its solemn call to each new generation of worshippers. During the late war years, when the Government restricted the manufacture of bells from new metal, the Meneely Bell Company made an effort to repurchase this bell.

During these formative years many of the early preachers and leaders in the Disciple movement visited the Mount Vernon church and the minutes from 1850 to 1870 cover interesting items of sermons that were preached by visiting evangelists.

An item of local interest is recorded on August 1, 1853 when the speaker at the morning service was Elder Charles E. Van Voorhis whose subject was "The Transfiguration". Mr. Van Voorhis was the great grandfather of Frank J. Van Voorhis who served as Elder and Chairman of the Official Board for the past four years and who is currently General Chairman of the Committee for this Centennial Celebration. Charles E. Van Voorhis was the first minister who served the Church of Christ at Bladensburg, Ohio. Incidentally, the Bladensburg Church of Christ was the first regularly organized Church of Christ in Ohio, having been organized in August 1828.

Robert R. Sloan was succeeded as pastor on January 15, 1860 by L. R. Norton from Connellsville, Pennsylvania, who was called here to act as pastor and also to assist in the Seminary work. Mr. Norton remained as pastor until April 1, 1861 when the pastoral work again rested temporarily upon Robert R. Sloan. At this time the membership had increased to seventy-five.



L. R. Norton

D. J. Matthews, a nephew of Robert R. Sloan, taught in the Seminary and also served as pastor of the church from January 1863 until January 1865, when there were ninety-seven names on the church roster.

Robert Moffett served as pastor from January 22, 1865 until May 1870 when he moved to Cleveland, Ohio to become Corresponding Secretary of the Ohio Christian Missionary Society.

On April 16, 1865 the church building was draped in mourning for the death of Abraham Lincoln, and at one o'clock P.M. on April 19, 1865 Robert Moffett delivered an address on "Lincoln's Funeral".

In compliance with a proclamation of the President of the United States, a meeting was held in the church on June 1, 1865, in humiliation for the death of Abraham Lincoln. The speaker was C. A. Buckber and the sermon subject, "Day of Humiliation", John 11:50.

During the year 1865, one hundred thirty-seven discourses were preached, one hundred five of them by the regular pastor, Robert Moffett. There were fifty-four names added to the register. About one hundred fifty visits were made in the congregation. The pastor delivered eighty-one discourses away from home, traveled about 3250 miles and was instrumental with others in adding about fifty to the saved. The church was increased in numbers and in devotion to the cause. The congregation paid for preaching \$772.50 and allowed the pastor one month's services away from home, besides giving him a very liberal donation.

L. F. Biddle next became pastor of the church September 4, 1870 and remained until March 17, 1872.

He was followed by James H. Garvin who was pastor for about two years, commencing June 8, 1873. The Garvins came here as bride and groom and Joseph R., their first-born son, was born across the street from the church, and became a Disciple minister. In April 1875 they left Mount Vernon for their home town of Cambridge City, Indiana.

L. Southmayer from Steubenville, Ohio, succeeded Mr. Garvin on April 1, 1875 and remained until April 1, 1878.

Morton D. Adams was pastor from April 13, 1879 until May 22, 1881, when he went as a Missionary to India. On a visit to the United States he preached here September 25, 1892.

George Mussen then served as pastor from April 23, 1882 to March 25, 1888.



Robert Moffett



E. V. Zollers

J. W. Lowe was pastor from September 23, 1888 to August 23, 1891. It was during his pastorate that the church building was repaired at an expense of \$3500.00 and was re-dedicated February 1, 1891 by E. V. Zollers, President of Hiram College. A pipe organ was installed during the summer of 1891 at a cost of \$1400.00 and was used for the first time in public service August 23, 1891. This organ was later re-built and installed in the new church, which was erected in 1915-16, and is still in use.

Membership at the beginning of each of the twenty years immediately following the date of organization, January 31, 1850:

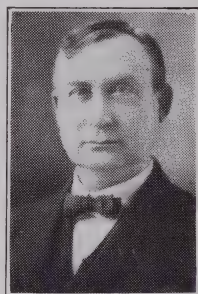
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(* Founders and Charter Members)

THE MIDDLE YEARS

After the pastorate of Mr. Lowe, there was a period of one and one-half years from August 1891 to April 1893 during which the church had no regular pastor. In January 1893 Rev. A. B. Williams, minister at Bellaire, Ohio was engaged for a four weeks' series of meetings beginning January 16. These meetings resulted in thirty-four additions to the church and sometime later Mr. Williams was engaged as regular pastor, beginning his services April 1, 1893 and continuing without interruption until April 1, 1900. His health had been failing and he was forced to give up the work at the Mount Vernon church but did continue to make Mount Vernon his home.

Mr. Williams was graduated from Bethany College, A. B. in 1875 and in 1891 received an honorary degree of A. M. while pastor at Bellaire, Ohio. Prior to Bellaire, his other pastorates were at Richwood, Manchester and East Akron (Market Street), Ohio. After giving up the Mount Vernon church, he served as part-time minister for the churches at Palmyra, Union Grove, Bell, Martinsburg and Messiah.



A. B. Williams

It was during the ministry of Mr. Williams that a group of older members of the church and former students of Robert R. Sloan, who was the founder of the Mount Vernon church, installed and dedicated a stained glass window to his memory. This window was transferred in 1916 to the new church and installed in the northwest corner of the Auditorium under the balcony.

Mr. Williams was a brilliant student of the Bible, a singer of more than average ability and was gifted with a fluent literary style. He was the author of the "History of Knox County" and during his third year as pastor of the Vine Street Church, he compiled from all the available records a complete history of the church from its organization and personally transcribed this history in the minute book of the Official Board. Mr. Williams died September 8, 1911 in his sixty-fifth year.

The next pastor of the church was the Rev. Kent Pendleton who was the son of W. K. Pendleton, a former President of Bethany College. His pastorate continued from September 1, 1900 until May 1, 1902. Mr. Pendleton was a native of Florida and after his resignation, he returned to that state.

The pulpit remained vacant throughout the summer of 1902 and beginning with September 1, Rev. William A. Roush was engaged as pastor and continued until May 6, 1906. During his pastorate there were 208 additions to the church. It was during his ministry that the Priscilla Thompson Trust Fund of \$1,500.00 was received to be used as an endowment. Priscilla Thompson was the wife of J. D. Thompson and a sister of Thomas Banning, all of whom were life-long members and supporters of the church.

On February 8, 1903, Mr. Thomas Morford, who was a member of the Official Board and a fine cabinet maker, constructed and presented to the church a beautifully carved oak pulpit and communion table. Both of these fine pieces of furniture are still in use.

It was during this period that individual communion service was installed. There was considerable opposition at first, but it was finally approved by the congregation on January 10, 1904.

After the resignation of Mr. Roush, a call was extended to Rev. Lawrence O. Newcomer of Eaton, Indiana and he occupied the pulpit from October 1, 1906 to July 1, 1910. Mr. Newcomer organized a class in Teacher Training and for use as a manual he published his own handbook for which Rev. Peter Ainslie, a celebrated Disciple minister of Baltimore, Maryland wrote the preface and introduction. Mr. Newcomer also organized a men's Bible class which is described under another section of this history.



L. O. Newcomer

During the pastorate of Mr. Newcomer, there were two great revival meetings held in our city. During the winter of 1908, a Rev. Mr. Lyons with a staff of singers held the first of these meetings in a large tent erected on the Court House lawn. This meeting was sponsored jointly by all the Protestant churches in the city. The next winter the Vine Street Church of Christ spon-

sored a super revival meeting which was conducted by Wilhite and Gates and held in the old skating rink building on East High Street. Many members were added to the church roll under the excitement of these meetings; however, very few were active for any length of time.

Mr. Newcomer resigned May 8, 1910 and left on July 1 for Connellsville, Indiana. He was later pastor at Lorain, Ohio, but because of ill health, moved to the Pacific Coast and died at Burbank, California.

After the resignation of Mr. Newcomer, the church was without a pastor for the last half of 1910. On January 1, 1911 Mr. David R. Francis who had been living in Mount Vernon and attending church and Sunday School regularly was asked to lead the Sunday service. He made such a good impression on the congregation that he was offered the pastorate which he accepted. Dr. Francis continued as pastor until March 10, 1912 when he suddenly left the church and the city. Dr. Francis was a fine Bible student, a forceful speaker and had a very engaging personality.

In July 1912 Rev. James A. Long, a Hiram College Senior, just finishing his ministerial course, was engaged to fill the pulpit. Shortly after he came to Mount Vernon, he was married to Miss Bessie Nye of Chauncey, Ohio and thus they began a long and fruitful relationship of nearly ten years with the church which was almost as extensive as the pastorate of our first minister and founder, Robert R. Sloan.

THE NEW CHURCH

During the summer of 1912, the matter of a new church was given consideration and thought and committees were appointed to investigate locations and building plans.

On August 12, 1912, the congregation voted to purchase the Mercer property next door west, at a price of \$3,150.00. They also voted to purchase the Cooper barn lot immediately south and behind the church for \$900.00 and on October 27, 1912 they voted to dispose of the barn and clean up the lot. This was completed by April 1, 1913 and hitching posts also installed for "old style" parking.

The church now owned three lots adjoining each other, i.e., the original Robert Irvine lot, sixty feet by ninety-two feet, costing \$300.00, the Mercer lot, sixty feet by ninety-two feet, costing \$3,150.00 and the Cooper barn lot, forty feet by one hundred twenty feet costing \$900.00.

Accordingly, a committee was appointed April 6, 1913, consisting of Dr. Joseph Wenger, Chairman; Edward Bennett, Walter M. Earlywine, George Henwood and Thomas Morford, to make building plans. A Finance Committee was also appointed consisting of Rev. James A. Long, Chairman; C. M. Barber, J. R. Clutter, Samuel A. Green, George W. McNabb, Ellis Veatch and Charles G. Weaver, together with eleven assistants to provide for the necessary cash to construct the new building.



Jas. A. Long

The plans of architect A. A. Honeywell of Kokomo, Indiana were approved on June 8, 1913, for a building seventy-six feet by one hundred twenty-three feet, of pressed brick construction; auditorium fifty-six by fifty-six feet with balcony; seating together with the Sunday School which would open into the auditorium through an archway with a mechanically-operated rising curtain, a total of fifteen hundred. Classrooms radiated from the central platform and pulpit and seating was cleverly arranged to the end that the speaker, by moving around to the right near archway, could be seen and heard throughout the building. This arrangement was desirable to accommodate large assemblies for State Conventions and special meetings and gave the Vine Street Church the largest auditorium in the city.

On February 14, 1915, the Finance Committee reported that it had in cash and pledges, \$15,000.00 toward the erection of a new building. On February 21, 1915 the congregation approved a recommendation of the Official Board which authorized the Trustees to borrow an additional \$15,000.00 secured by a mortgage on the church property. At the same time the Trustees were authorized to dispose of the house on the Mercer lot, at the highest price obtainable.

On April 18, 1915 arrangements were made to use the YMCA for our services during the construction and our Annual Meeting was held there May 2, 1915. On May 9 the Grand Theater located at the southeast corner of East High Street and Public Square, was secured as a meeting place for the Adelpian Sunday School Class at a rental of \$1.00 per week.

DEDICATION SERVICE

The new church was dedicated on April 16, 1916 with a sermon at 10:30 A.M. by the Rev. George L. Snively, whose subject was the "Fundamentals of the Faith". When the fund raising began, a large board marked off in blocks from \$100.00 to \$5,000.00 was exhibited from the rostrum. The Ladies Aid Society responded with a subscription of \$5,000.00 and numerous family groups took \$500.00 blocks so that by noon \$20,000.00 had been subscribed. At the afternoon service \$1,500.00 more was raised and an additional \$1,000.00 at the evening service. This left \$2,500.00 which the building committee guaranteed. Thus, \$25,000.00 was raised throughout the day.

The dedicatory services were followed immediately by a ten-day evangelistic meeting which was conducted by Brother Snively. These meetings were followed by the State Convention, May 22 to 25, 1916.

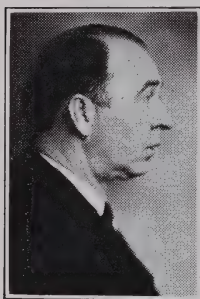
Five years later on November 4, 1921, the Rev. Mr. Long tendered his resignation and went to Wilmington, Ohio. He has since held pastorates at Dayton and Sydney, Ohio and at present is preaching at Nelsonville, Ohio.



THE LATE YEARS

After the house on the Mercer lot, which had been used as a parsonage for Rev. James A. Long for approximately three years, was removed in the summer of 1915, the Long family moved to the property at 113 East Vine Street directly across the street from the church.

After rental had been paid on this property for the next six years for use as a parsonage, the congregation decided that it should own a permanent home for its ministers. Therefore, in November 1921 this same property was purchased by the church from Dr. and Mrs. C. K. Conard, the price being \$6,500.00. The Trustees consummating this deal were Charles G. Weaver, Lewis B. Houck and James A. Schaeffer. This property is still being used as the parsonage.



Dr. Hugh Wayt

Dr. Hugh Wayt, formerly pastor of the First Church of Christ at Zanesville, Ohio, became the next regular pastor on January 22, 1922 and remained until October 2, 1931. Dr. Wayt still resides in Mount Vernon and is currently pastor of the Howard, Messiah and Bell Churches of Christ, this county.

To provide for future expansion, a parcel of ground across the alley on the east side of the church, known as the Eliza Cooper Dougherty property, was purchased in October 1924, the price being \$3,750.00. This lot had a frontage on East Vine Street of approximately eighty-one feet and a depth of approximately one hundred sixteen feet. The lot is still vacant and is used primarily as a parking lot. However, there has been considerable discussion in recent years relative to the erection thereon of a building which could be used for various functions and activities connected with the church.

In July 1927 the Vine Street Church together with other Protestant churches of this city and those of Fredericktown and Centerburg, Ohio, jointly sponsored the hiring of a teacher of religious education for the public schools of these cities. Miss Helen Fitzwater was the first teacher.

In December 1927 the interior of the church was redecorated and new lighting equipment installed in the auditorium.

In 1929 a directory of the church membership was published which listed names of approximately sixteen hundred local members, one hundred eighty-nine out of town members and seventeen whose addresses were unknown.

The church was without a regular pastor from October 2, 1931 until February 4, 1932, when the Rev. W. J. Foster accepted the pastorate and remained until September 29, 1935, when he accepted a call from the Church of Christ at Elyria, Ohio.

Prior to his coming here he had been pastor of churches at Wadsworth, Crooksville and Dayton, Ohio. He was active in temperance work for years, having been at one time a representative of organized temperance forces of Ohio churches, lecturing in eighty-seven of Ohio's eighty-eight counties, and for one year he represented these groups before the Ohio Legislature.



W. J. Foster

He was also a Trustee of the Ohio Council of Churches and the Ohio Anti-Saloon League for several years, and was Vice-President of the State Convention of his church for a year. He was chosen a member of the Committee on Recommendations of the International Convention of the Disciples of Christ for the year 1940.

From the time Mr. Foster came here in February 1932 until the Annual Meeting of the congregation on April 14, there were sixteen additions to the church.

Miss Minnie Vautrin, our Living Link, then a teacher in Ginling College in Nanking, China was guest speaker at the morning service, Sunday, June 19, 1932. Miss Vautrin died in 1941 at the age of fifty-five and was buried at Sheppard, Michigan. She had been a missionary for twenty-eight years.

Mr. Foster was deeply interested in the young people of the church and during his pastorate here was instrumental in having them present a great many beautiful religious dramas in the local

and neighboring churches. During 1934 this church had the largest number of young people in attendance at Youth Conference of any church in the Brotherhood, with exception of the Church of Christ at Canton, Ohio.

A beautiful electrically lighted bulletin board was erected on the lawn in the front of the church in the fall of 1932. The persons most actively engaged in its design and construction were Charles A. Blair, Fred Fletcher, Fred A. Coile, G. A. Dunkle and E. V. Hagans. Donations of money, materials and labor were made by several members of the church as well as by friends outside the church. The Ladies Aid Society were the financial backers of this project. The bulletin board was appropriately dedicated following the morning service on November 6, 1932; the congregation assembling on the steps, sidewalks and lawn to participate in this service which was conducted by Rev. W. J. Foster.

The Ohio Christian Missionary Society held its Annual Convention here on May 21 to 23, 1934, this being the seventh time such meetings have been held in this church. This meeting was particularly well attended there being 472 enrolled. About 250 were enrolled the previous year.

Mr. Foster died at the Elyria Memorial Hospital on June 20, 1940 at the age of forty-eight, after having served as pastor of the Elyria Church for about four and one-half years. His funeral was held at the Elyria Church on Saturday, June 22, with Rev. P. H. Welshimer of Canton officiating. Several persons from the Vine Street Church attended the services. Burial was made in Ridge Hill Memorial Park Cemetery just outside of Elyria, Ohio. His widow Rev. Mary Foster is now pastor of the Christian Church at Deer Lodge, Montana.

Rev. Henry C. Mayhew, pastor of the First Christian Church of Parkersburg, West Virginia succeeded Mr. Foster as minister on January 1, 1936 and remained until January 17, 1945.

James Blair Miller, one of the boys who went out from this church to prepare for the ministry and who was then a student at Bethany College, assisted Mr. Mayhew during the summer vacation in 1936. There were then approximately twelve hundred names on the church roster.

On June 24, 1938 Mr. Mayhew conducted a service to commemorate Rev. R. E. Stevens' fiftieth year in the ministry. Guests from several neighboring churches were present at this service. Mr. Stevens was a native of Nova Scotia but his last regular pastorate was at Caledonia, Marion County, Ohio. Upon his retirement he established his home in Mount Vernon and was an Elder in the local church and frequently filled the pulpit as a supply minister.

During the pastorate of Mr. Mayhew dissension arose in the congregation over certain acts of the pastor and the Official Board. Attempted amicable adjustment failed which eventually resulted in the church difficulties being aired in Court. This litigation extended over a period of more than two years. The last court appointed a Master Commissioner to conduct a congregational election to vote on several questions. This election resulted in the expulsion of the minister and the Official Board and the abolishing of all existing Rules and Regulations. A new Official Board was elected and New Rules of Order were adopted.



CURRENT HISTORY

Rev. O. W. Williams, a native of Kentucky, became the next pastor. Mr. Williams received his training at Hazel Green Academy, Hazel Green, Kentucky; Eureka College, Eureka, Illinois and Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio. He began his ministry with Ohio churches in 1927 at Portsmouth, Ohio and was later pastor of the McArthur Church of Christ for ten years. Immediately before assuming his ministry here, he served as State Evangelist and Rural Church Counselor, under the Ohio Christian Missionary Society for five years.

Mr. Williams was loaned by the Ohio Christian Missionary Society to serve the Mount Vernon church as pastor for an unspecified period of time and preached his first sermon here on January 21, 1945. Mr. Williams was here through all of February but due to other meetings which he had scheduled prior to his being assigned here, he preached only occasionally through March, April and early May. Beginning May 20, he preached full time and this arrangement continued until June 1, 1947, when he accepted an invitation to become official pastor for a period of five years.

Mr. Williams has done a wonderful job in the short time he has been pastor. The church under his leadership has greatly expanded in all departments and has regained its former prestige and respect in the community and elsewhere. Mr. Williams and his family are held in the highest esteem by the entire congregation and by the community outside the church.

On Sunday, May 26, 1946, Mr. Williams officiated at the dedication of his son, Ernest Williams, to full time Christian service. Ernest entered Hiram College in the fall of 1947 to major in religious education and in February 1949 was unanimously called as Youth Director of this church.

The membership on January 1, 1945 was approximately nine hundred. There were fifty-one additions to the church in 1945, thirty-six in 1946, thirty-three in 1947, thirty-seven in 1948 and fifty-six up to August 1, 1949. The church membership at the present time is approximately one thousand and sixty.

During the summer and early fall of 1946 the interior of the entire edifice was completely redecorated, a lovely Memorial Prayer Chapel equipped and a new baptistry installed at a total cost of \$4,029.60. Rededication services were held on Sunday, October 20 and approximately six hundred persons attended the morning service and more than eight hundred the afternoon service. The day was filled with grand fellowship shared by many from Ohio and adjoining states. Gaines M. Cook, General Secretary of the Ohio Christian Missionary Society was guest speaker at both morning and afternoon services. More than \$5,000.00 was raised before and on Dedication Day.

The late Hon. L. B. Houck, an influential member of the church, in his Will left a bequest of \$500.00 to the Vine Street Church of Christ as a memorial to his mother, requesting that at some future time this money be used to help build a new baptistry. This money was received in 1941, but during the period of litigation previously mentioned was entirely dissipated. From the money received from Dedication donations this fund was restored by the Official Board and was applied toward the cost of the new baptistry constructed in 1946.

During the year 1947, the parsonage was remodeled, repaired and modernized at a cost of approximately \$4,800.00, which obligation was soon discharged. The home was opened for inspection by the membership on September 21, 1947 at which time the minister and his family were the happy hosts.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Sunday School was organized May 1, 1853 with a class of twenty-five under Robert R. Sloan as Superintendent. The records show that the early school had a steady and healthy growth, but unfortunately very little data is available as to other lines of activity for the next several years. Some of the other superintendents during this early period were: Henry Errett, D. R. Whitcomb, Isaac Strickle, W. S. Errett, E. J. Chase, Col. A. Cassil, and D. W. Chase.

For the past several years the Sunday School has had organized classes for all ages and at present there are nine such individual groups. One of the fruitful activities of the Sunday School has been

the sponsoring of attendance at the State Youth Conferences. A fine group of future Christian leaders is thus being trained. A well-equipped and supervised Nursery is also maintained where mothers may leave their children of pre-school age while attending the church services. Recent superintendents have been Charles A. Blair, E. E. Soles, George Edick, and at present, David Carpenter. The present enrollment is approximately four hundred with an average attendance of about two hundred and forty.

Because of their long and continuous existence, special mention should be made of the following classes. Some of these have more complete histories on file but space will not permit their use.

ADELPHIAN

In the spring of 1905 Rev. W. A. Roush started an all-men's Bible class with a membership of fourteen. This was then known as the Bible Lecture Class but was later changed to the Adelpian Class. Mr. Roush lectured to this group on Bible themes of his own selection until his departure in May 1906 when one of the members, Mr. W. E. Sefton, was chosen teacher and held the class together until October 1906 when the next minister, the Rev. L. O. Newcomer became its teacher.

Mr. Newcomer on assuming the position as teacher began a systematic reorganization of the class. Enthusiasm and desire for enlargement was instilled in the hearts of the members to the end that each member vied with the other in securing additions to the class. This class was non-denominational and attracted men from the entire city and vicinity and for the next several years it had a phenomenal growth. On February 2, 1909 there were one hundred and seventy members present, placing this class at the head of the list for all men's Bible Classes for that day. The class held attendance contests with other large churches of the Brotherhood and continued to grow until its enrollment reached approximately five hundred. In later years after other local churches began to organize men's Bible classes, the attendance began a gradual decline. At present the class is composed primarily of the older men of our church and has an average attendance of about thirty with Jasper F. Walker as teacher.

HOMEMAKERS

Another class composed of ladies, held its meetings under the center window along the east aisle of the old church. History does not disclose by what name this class was then known or the names of many of its teachers. The following early members of this class still reside in this vicinity and attend this church:

Mrs. Harry S. (Lillian) Albaugh	Mrs. A. C. (Mabel) Hardesty
Mrs. Charles A. (Rose) Blair	Mrs. Curtis A. (Dora) Workman
Mrs. Nard (Cora) Cochran	Mrs. E. V. (Susie) Hagans
Mrs. Samuel A. (Ella) Green	Mrs. Clyde E. (Pearl) McKown
Mrs. Walter L. (Effie) Hess	

In February 1913 this class organized and at that time adopted the name Homemakers, with its motto "Homes for Christ". The class colors chosen were red and white and the class flower carnation. With Mrs. A. C. Hardesty as its first president and Mr. William Welsh, who was the teacher immediately preceding the organization, continuing as its teacher, the class increased its membership by the end of the year to eighty-eight. The first anniversary of the class following its organization was held on Mr. Welsh's seventy-sixth birthday, April 7, 1914 at which time the President, Mrs. Charles A. Blair, presented Mr. Welsh with seventy-six red and white carnations. Fifty-seven of the eighty-eight members of the class participated in the evening's festivities with Mr. and Mrs. Welsh as honored guests.

Mr. Welsh died January 3, 1919. After his death the following in the order named were elected teachers of this class: Mrs. William (Minnie) Anderson; Mrs. F. W. (Mary) Loney; Mrs. George W. (Ila) McNabb; Miss Helen Lee Green; Mrs. A. C. (Mabel) Hardesty and the present teacher, Mrs. J. R. (Jeannette) Bebout. This class at one time had an enrollment of more than two hundred and fifty. The average attendance today is about forty.

LOYAL DAUGHTERS

Another of the present day classes also had its beginning back in the days of the old church. This class was composed of younger ladies but the class name at that time was not recorded. In September 1920 this class organized and at that time adopted the name

of Loyal Daughters and chose yellow and white as its class colors. Miss Ida Veatch who passed away April 9, 1949 was the teacher of this class for thirty-five years. The present teacher of this class is Mrs. Earl (Nellie) Pipes and the average attendance is about eighteen. On May 6, 1949 this class held its thirtieth consecutive annual Mother-Daughter banquet in the dining room of the church. This banquet was served by the members of the Friendship Class.

FRIENDSHIP

One of the more recent classes, composed of both married and single young adults, was organized early in 1945 with Mrs. George A. (Ruth) Ball as President and Mrs. Harlow H. (Kay) Walker as Secretary; calling themselves the Young Adult class. In the beginning this class was made up primarily of former members of the Excelsior and Go-Getters classes whose ranks had been considerably thinned during World War II, and both of which were later disbanded. For several months this newly organized class struggled along without a regular teacher and with only a few members.

However, in June 1945, after the present minister the Rev. O. W. Williams established his residence here, he gladly consented to become the teacher of this class. Under his leadership the class began to attract many who had not previously attended Sunday School or church and as a result the class has since greatly enlarged and for some time has been the most enterprising group in the entire church.

Mr. Williams has instilled in the members of this class the realization that they are to be the ones who will have to assume the positions of future leadership in the church. Many of its members are already serving as teachers and officers in every phase of the church work. This class has also promoted many worthwhile projects both within and outside the church.

In December 1948, the class changed its name from Young Adult, to Friendship class. At present the enrollment is approximately 140 with an average attendance of about fifty, with Walter R. Giffin and Mrs. Virgil Jacobs as President and Co-President respectively and Mrs. Albert Delporte as Secretary-Treasurer.

WOMEN'S ORGANIZATIONS

LADIES AID SOCIETY

The Ladies Aid Society grew out of the first Women's Society organized before the present church was built. For years the Ladies Aid has been composed of groups called Circles, the members of which met at designated intervals to quilt and sew; turning a fixed amount of their money into the Ladies Aid quarterly. Thousands of dollars have been raised through their efforts for the support and furnishing of the church and for charitable purposes outside the church. Mrs. Earl M. Pipes was the last President of the Ladies Aid. In July 1949 this Society was dissolved and was replaced by the newly organized Christian Women's Fellowship.

MISSIONARY SOCIETY

This church has been active in Missionary work ever since its organization, which is evidenced by the fact that the second State Convention of the Ohio Christian Missionary Society was held here in May 1853, only about three months after the original church was dedicated. Six other State Conventions have also been held here since that time, the last one being in 1934. Unfortunately, there are no records available showing when the local Society was organized or who its charter members were. Mrs. Fred (Blanche) Fletcher was the last President of this organization. In July 1949 the Missionary Society was abolished with its members thereafter becoming a part of the newly created Christian Women's Fellowship.

ILA McNABB CHAPTER OF GAMMA MU SIGMA

Sensing the need for an association to cultivate a broader missionary spirit among the younger women of the church, a society was therefore organized in June 1930, known as the Girls' Circle. The charter members were Miss Bernice Van Nausdle, President and advisor; Miss Helen Klein, Miss Winona Vail and Miss Dorothy McKinstry.

Early in the life of this organization, Mrs. George W. McNabb (Ila Williams) became its sponsor and advisor. Her counsel was a great help and an inspiration and she continued to serve faithfully in that capacity until her death in 1944.

This group began by interesting themselves in the work and needs of others. One of its first projects was the support of a hospital bed in a foreign country. Since then, the group has had many worthwhile projects; the last one in 1949 being to help support the Hazel Green Academy in Kentucky. They also have contributed each month to the work of the United Christian Missionary Society. Among other local activities of this group has been an annual Easter sacrificial offering, a guest night program, the annual Christmas program for the adult Missionary Society and the annual Mother-Daughter banquet, the first of which was held May 26, 1931.

In March 1932, this organization voted to change its name to Gamma Mu Sigma sorority which means Girls' Missionary Society using the Greek letters for G. M. S. This change was made at the suggestion of the Hilltop Church in Columbus whose Girls' Circle had previously adopted that name.

In 1933 this chapter organized the Gamma Mu Sigma Chapter in Millwood, Ohio and in 1934 one in Mansfield, Ohio.

In the summer of 1944 this chapter adopted an addition to its name, becoming the Ila McNabb Chapter of Gamma Mu Sigma, in memory of Mrs. McNabb. In May 1945, two books were placed in the Mount Vernon Public Library as a memorial to Mrs. McNabb who had contributed in such a large measure to the success of this organization.

Since its organization, this group has had fourteen presidents; the last one being Mrs. Merle D. Farren (Gladys Houbler).

On June 6, 1949, this Chapter was dissolved and became a part of the Christian Women's Fellowship to be known hereafter as the Ila McNabb Circle.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

During the early summer of 1949 there was created a new organization to be known as the Christian Women's Fellowship. The purpose of this organization being to develop the womanhood of the church into a united program of worship, missions, education, fellowship and service to the end that Christ may be exalted in the home, the church, the community, the nation and the world.

The membership of this new organization consists of the entire womanhood of the church. Any other woman who makes a contribution of service, prayer, attendance or gifts may also become a member.

On the evening of July 15, 1949 Miss Bertha F. Park, Executive Secretary of the Ohio Council of Christian Women, Cleveland, Ohio, conducted an installation service for the following officers of this group.

Mrs. E. M. (Nellie) Pipes.....	President
Mrs. Clyde E. (Pearl) McKown.....	1st Vice President
Mrs. T. E. (Mazie) Hoefler.....	Asst. to 1st Vice President
Mrs. Harrison (Zenith) Houbler.....	2nd Vice President
Mrs. Wayne (Ruth) Evans.....	Asst. to 2nd Vice President
Mrs. Merle D. (Gladys) Farren.....	Secretary
Mrs. H. E. (Elizabeth) Perkins.....	Treasurer

After the organization of this group, the Societies formerly known as the Ladies Aid, the Women's Missionary and the Gamma Mu Sigma were abolished, their members being absorbed in the new Christian Women's Fellowship organization.

No further meetings of this group had been held prior to the time this booklet went to press.



YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS

CHRISTIAN YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

The Christian Youth Fellowship, formerly known as the Christian Endeavor, was organized in September 1945 with Miss Mary Miller and Ernest Williams as Co-Presidents. This group meets weekly with many of its summer meetings held out-of-doors. They occasionally hold bake sales, ice cream socials, banquets, etc., to assist in providing funds for expenses of their young people who attend Youth Conferences. Miss Lois Cochran and Robert Staley are the present Co-Presidents and Mr. and Mrs. Dean Wright are the advisors. Incidentally, Miss Cochran was also Co-President of the 1949 Lakeside Summer Conference.

CHI RHO

This youth group of Junior High School age was organized May 15, 1949 with Mr. and Mrs. David L. Carpenter as advisors. They have sponsored ice cream socials, etc., jointly with the Christian Youth Fellowship to help defray expenses of some of their members to Chi Rho camps.

BOY SCOUTS

The Vine Street Church is sponsoring Boy Scout troop No. 30. This is a new troop which was organized in April 1949 and held its first meeting May 9, 1949. John W. Heinlein is Scoutmaster and Merle D. Farren and Ernest Williams are assistant Scoutmasters.

On May 13, six of the boys took part in the Boy Scout Circus at the local High School and won a blue ribbon award. Nine of the boys attended a four-county Camporee, under the Tomahawk Area Council, at which they also won a blue ribbon award and took second place in scoring. This was in competition with members of much older groups. Fifteen boys attended the summer camp, July 16 to 23 at Camp Fredericks near Coshocton, Ohio.

The Scout Committee is composed of: Dean Wright, Chairman, Harlow H. Walker, George E. Purdy, Albert Delporte and Wayne Evans.

MISCELLANEOUS DATA

The following have served as regular organists:

Miss Margaret Boyd
Mrs. William (Mary) Jackson
Mrs. John M. (Belle) Critchfield
Mrs. Mark (Ethel McKee) Hammond
Mrs. C. G. (Vera Patterson) Carpenter
Mrs. Clarence (Helen Bair) Barnhill
Mrs. William (Hattie Dorer) Ransom
Mr. Carl K. Ferrell
Mrs. Harry (Edith) Errett
Mr. Ogden Wintermute
Mrs. R. O. (Lucille) Bresler
Miss Marguerite Cochran

Incidentally, Miss Cochran, our present organist was appointed to that position on February 5, 1926, and with the exception of a few years in the early 1940's has continued to serve regularly and faithfully in that capacity. Mrs. Gordon Grubb or Miss Ruth Robertson occasionally serve as organist when Miss Cochran is absent.

Mr. George W. McNabb, one of our senior members, was elected church Treasurer on July 16, 1905 and continued to serve regularly and efficiently in that capacity until November 6, 1931, a period of more than twenty-six years. He is still one of our most faithful attendants at all church services and other activities.

The following young men from our church have gone out as ministers of the Gospel:

Isaac H. Beckholt, at present pastor of the Church of Christ at Sweetwater, Illinois, where he has served for the past eight years.

James D. Wyker, now the Ohio Director of Christian Rural Overseas Program.

James Blair Miller, currently Minister of the Bethany Memorial Church, Bethany, West Virginia.

Ernest Williams, son of our present minister, O. W. Williams is a junior at Hiram College studying for the ministry. He is also currently Director of Youth Activities of the Vine Street Church.

MINISTERS WHO HAVE SERVED THE VINE STREET CHURCH

Robert R. Sloan.....	Jan. 31, 1850 -	Jan. 15, 1860
L. R. Norton.....	Jan. 15, 1860 -	April 1, 1861
D. J. Matthews.....	Jan. —, 1863 -	Jan. 22, 1865
Robert Moffett.....	Jan. 22, 1865 -	May —, 1870
L. F. Biddle.....	Sept. 4, 1870 -	Mar. 17, 1872
James H. Garvin.....	June 8, 1873 -	Mar. —, 1875
L. Southmayer.....	April 1, 1875 -	Apr. 1, 1878
Morton D. Adams.....	Apr. 13, 1879 -	May 22, 1881
George Mussen.....	Apr. 23, 1882 -	Mar. 25, 1888
J. W. Lowe.....	Sept. 23, 1888 -	Aug. 23, 1891
A. B. Williams.....	Apr. 1, 1893 -	Apr. 1, 1900
Kent Pendleton.....	Sept. 1, 1900 -	May 1, 1902
W. A. Roush.....	Sept. 1, 1902 -	May 6, 1906
Lawrence O. Newcomer.....	Oct. 1, 1906 -	July 1, 1910
David R. Francis.....	Jan. 1, 1911 -	Mar. 10, 1912
James A. Long.....	July —, 1912 -	Nov. 4, 1921
Hugh Wayt.....	Jan. 22, 1922 -	Oct. 2, 1931
William J. Foster.....	Feb. 4, 1932 -	Sept. 29, 1935
Henry C. Mayhew.....	Jan. 1, 1936 -	Jan. 17, 1945
O. W. Williams.....	Jan. 21, 1945 -	

*The Photographs shown herein of Past Ministers
of this church were the only ones obtainable.*

—Committee

LIVING MEMBERS WHO HAVE BEEN ON THE ROSTER FIFTY YEARS OR MORE

Mrs. W. D. (Mary) Porter.....	Jan. 21, 1883
Mr. John M. Graham.....	Feb. 16, 1891
Mrs. Samuel A. (Ella) Green.....	Feb. 20, 1891
Mrs. A. O. (Ella) Wyker.....	Apr. 10, 1892
Miss Nell Critchfield.....	Jan. 22, 1893
Mrs. Harry S. (Lillian) Albaugh.....	Jan. —, 1893
Mrs. Curtis A. (Dora) Workman.....	Feb. 4, 1893
Mrs. D. H. (Emma) O'Dell.....	Feb. 11, 1894
Mrs. A. C. (Mabel) Hardesty.....	Feb. 12, 1894
O. V. Williams.....	Feb. 25, 1894
Harry O. Veatch.....	Feb. 26, 1894
Mrs. Kittie Underwood.....	Mar. 3, 1894
Mrs. J. H. (Pearl) Pipes.....	Dec. 2, 1894
Mrs. A. L. (Hester) McCamment.....	Sept. 9, 1895
Mrs. Mell (Birdie) Woodward.....	Sept. 16, 1895
Mrs. Albert (Pearl) Trott.....	Feb. 14, 1896
Mrs. LeRoy (Verona) Cunningham.....	Feb. 25, 1897
Mrs. Charles A. (Rose) Blair.....	Feb. —, 1898

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John W. Heinlein.....	<i>Scoutmaster, Boy Scout Troop No. 30</i>

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